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in a Passion, at every Word that is
said amiss by your Wife; and *Mar-*
tha, says she, you ought to know
your Duty better, than to say any
Thing to aggravate your Husband's
Resentment. These frequent Quar-
rels, arise from the Indulgence of
your violent Passions; for I know
you both love one another, notwith-
standing what has passed between
you. Now, pray tell me *John*, and
tell me *Martha*, when you have had
a Quarrel over Night, are you
not both sorry for it the next Day?
They both declared that they were:
Why then, says she, I'll tell you how
to prevent this for the future, if you
will both promise to take my Advice.
They both promised her. You know,
says she, that a small Spark will set
Fire to Tinder, and that Tinder
properly

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properly placed will fire a House;
an angry Word is with you as that
Spark, for you are both as touchy
as Tinder, and very often make your
own House too hot to hold you. To
prevent this, therefore, and to live
happily for the future, you must so-
lemnly agree, that if one speaks an
angry Word, the other will not an-
swer, 'till he or she has distinctly call-
ed over all the Letters in the Alpha-
bet, and the other not reply, 'till he
has told twenty; by this Means your
Passions will be stifled, and Reason
will have Time to take the Rule.

This is the best Recipe that was
ever given for a married Couple to live
in Peace: Though *John* and his Wife
frequently attempted to quarrel af-
terwards, they never could get their
Passions to any considerable Height,
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